

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: BERGANO, Neal S. DOCKET: Bergano 20-C3

Continuation of Serial No.: 10/315,560

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For: **SYNCHRONOUS AMPLITUDE MODULATION FOR
IMPROVED PERFORMANCE OF OPTICAL TRANSMISSION
SYSTEMS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph beginning at page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25 of this paper.